

TODDLER NEWSLETTER

November Edition

Upcoming Dates:

November 1st and 4th:

No School: Conferences

Tuesday, November 5th:

No School: Election Day

Monday, November 11th:

Veteran's Day Celebration

November 22nd & 26th:

Toddler Thanksgiving Feasts

November 27th - 29th:

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Feast

Each year we celebrate Thanksgiving together as a Toddler Community in the classroom. We begin the celebration with inviting our parents to join us at our morning circle time. Together we pass our peace candle around the circle and then we get our bodies moving as we sing some of our Toddlers' favorite songs. After circle time, we gather at our snack tables, say our blessing, and enjoy the delicious food prepared by our families! Please be on the lookout for an email from your room mom with additional information.

2 Day: Kelly Shanno + Katie Brandau

3 Day: Randi Dunlap + Katie Dickinson.



Toddler Snack

Toddler group snack is a very special time of day. We finish our work cycle and the children work together to move our tables and chairs as they prepare the room for snack. The children set their own tables with placemats, plates, napkins, and drinking glasses. During this time they have the opportunity to work on grace and courtesy as well as building a sense of community. Once the table is set, we all sing a blessing together. If you would like to sing along with your child, here are the words to our Johnny Appleseed Blessing:

"Oh, the Lord's been good to me. And so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need like the sun and the rain and the appleseed. The Lord's been good to me. Amen."



Dance Party



Each day we end our work cycle with a dance party. As soon as the music starts playing, out come some pretty impressive dance moves. The song that we have been dancing to lately is: *Try Everything* by Shakira. Download the song and enjoy a family dance party together at home!

Toddler Wish List

Outside of the playground during drop off and pick up you will see a clip board with sticky notes attached to it. This is our Toddler wish list. The items listed are assorted items that we wish to have for our classroom. If you choose to purchase an item listed, please take the sticky note with you and return with the item as soon as able. Some examples of items are: postcard stamps, stickers, etc. We appreciate your generosity and so do our Toddlers!

Toddler Lingo

Many of our Toddlers cannot express themselves verbally yet, but they do comprehend more than we think. I wanted to take a moment to teach you all some of the verbiage we use at school to communicate with and among our friends. The phrases may sound like a mouthful for a toddler to express, but you will be surprised to know they accomplish expressing these phrases on a daily basis!

Available: We only have one of each lesson on the shelves. We teach our friends patience and how to respect their friend's work. This is achieved by using the word "available." It's a simple way to teach them a difficult word. You may hear your child say, "This is my work, it is not available to you." This is a great lesson to learn. We use this word often in lieu of saying "No."



"Calm your body": This phrase is used in our room when a friend's body is very busy, unsafe to themselves, unsafe to others, or unsafe to the environment. We are teaching them to recognize when their body is in this state and how to bring it back to a controlled and safe state. You may hear your child say "I need to go calm my body." As silly as this sounds, it is exactly what they feel they need to do.



My work: Everything in our environment is work for our friends, from putting on their slippers at the start of the day to washing the dishes. You may hear your child say "This is my work or I am working on this."

One of the goals in our Toddler program is to teach our friends respect for themselves, others, and the environment. By teaching them these important phrases/words, respect is developed and our goal is achieved!

Hope you enjoyed a little look into our world. Try to use these phrases at home and see what happens.